

## OBITUARIES

### AVENT

**J.C. Avent**, 80, of Moss Point, Miss., died Friday, Jan. 14, 2000, in Pascagoula, Miss.

He was a native of Moss Point having been born on April 22, 1919.

Mr. Avent was a retired data processing supervisor at International Paper Co. where he had been employed since 1941. He was a charter member of the YMBC, a past president of the Pascagoula Country Club, a past member of the Hickory Hill Country Club, a member of the Grassy Creek Golf Course in Spruce Pine, N.C., an Army veteran of World War II and a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Emma Delmas Avent Seaman, his father, Joe Avent, stepfather, C.P. Seaman, and his first wife, Ann Freeman Avent.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine Watts Avent of Moss Point, Miss.; his son and daughter-in-law, Joseph Carson Avent Jr. (Elizabeth) of Irmo, S.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, JoAnn Avent Gallardo (Arturo) of Alamos, Mexico; three grandchildren, JoLynn Cordova, Jimmy Hallock and Joe Avent, and two great grandchildren, Samantha Cordova and Justin Pellegrin, a host of other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 2000, at Holder-Wells Funeral Home, Moss Point. The funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Monday, Jan. 17, 2000, from the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Dominick Fullam officiating.

Interment will follow in the Griffin Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Heart Association.

Holder-Wells Funeral Home, Moss Point, in charge of arrangements.

# Avent

## City of Moss Point

One grave is located at the site of the old Avent home off of Campbell Street in the City of Moss Point. It is on the right of a private driveway leading to the home of Loretta Jennings. The Avent family operated a sawmill at Farragut Point in the 1890 era.

Avent, Basil, Dec 25, 1892 - Oct 26, 1898  
*Son of R. C. and M. L. Avent*

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<b>AVANT, ADA A.</b>	T7 R6 JCo School Enum Residence, Foundry St, Moss Point Par/Guar: <b>D. C. Avant</b>	16 WF	Jun 1902
<b>AVANT, CATREE</b>	T7 R6 JCo School Enum Residence, Foundry St, Moss Point Par/Guar: <b>R. C. Avant</b>	7 WF	Jun 1902
<b>AVANT, D. C.</b>	T7 R6 JCo School Enumeration Residence, Foundry St, Moss Point White, Parent/Guardian of: <b>Ada A. Avant</b> <b>Park Avant</b> <b>Ruth Avant</b> <b>Mary G. Avant</b>	16 WF 14 WM 8 WF 6 WF	Jun 1902
<b>AVANT, ELMA</b>	T7 R6 JCo School Enum Residence, Foundry St, Moss Point Par/Guar: <b>R. C. Avant</b>	11 WF	Jun 1902
<b>AVANT, JOE</b>	T7 R6 JCo School Enum Residence, Foundry St, Moss Point Par/Guar: <b>R. C. Avant</b>	5 WM	Jun 1902
<b>AVANT, MARY G.</b>	T7 R6 JCo School Enum Residence, Foundry St, Moss Point Par/Guar: <b>D. C. Avant</b>	6 WF	Jun 1902
<b>AVANT, PARK</b>	T7 R6 JCo School Enum Residence, Foundry St, Moss Point Par/Guar: <b>D. C. Avant</b>	14 WM	Jun 1902
<b>AVANT, R. C.</b>	T7 R6 JCo School Enumeration Residence, Foundry St, Moss Point White, Parent/Guardian of: <b>Elma Avant</b> <b>Catree Avant</b> <b>Joe Avant</b>	11 WF 7 WF 5 WM	Jun 1902
<b>AVANT, RUTH</b>	T7 R6 JCo School Enum Residence, Foundry St, Moss Point Par/Guar: <b>D. C. Avant</b>	8 WF	Jun 1902

## MILITARY

## Mississippi soldier missing in Korean War accounted for after almost 69 years



Army Cpl. Joe T. Avant of Greenwood, Miss. was reported missing in action Nov. 30, 1950. (Source: WMC/DPAA)

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GREENWOOD, Miss. (WMC) - A Greenwood, Mississippi soldier that was reported missing in the Korean War is finally accounted for after almost 69 years.

The announcement came Wednesday morning from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency that Army Cpl. Joe T. Avant was reported missing in action on Nov. 30, 1950 and is now accounted for.

The DPAA says Avant was fighting in the war at the age of 20 when his unit was attacked. Officials were unable to recover his remains after the attack.

Back in July of 2018 Korean leaders gave the U.S. 55 boxes of what was said to be remains of Americans that were reported Missing in Action during the war. The DPAA says the remains arrived at their labs in August of 2018 and they have been working to identify those remains.

Approximately 7,606 Americans still remain unaccounted for from the Korean War, according to the DPAA.

Avant will be laid to rest in his hometown on Dec. 13, 2019.

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#### AVENT

Mrs. Ann Freeman Avent, 70, 1100 Pine Cone Dr., Gautier, Miss., died Thursday, September 10, 1992 in Ocean Springs Hospital, Ocean Springs, Miss. A native of McComb, Miss. she began her career in January 1953 as Executive Director of the Moss Point Area Chamber of Commerce which later merged in 1969 to become the Jackson County Area Chamber of Commerce to which she continued to serve as Executive Director. Her professional associations included, President of the Miss. Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, and she was a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Association of Chamber of Commerce. At her time of retirement she was also serving on the Board of Regents for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors are her husband, J. C. Avent, Gautier; one daughter, Jo Ann Gallardo, San Diego, Calif.; one son, Joseph Carson Avent, Jr., Wilmington, N.C.; one sister, Blanche Bongard, Pascagoula; three grandchildren, Joseph Carson Avent, III, Jo Lynn Cordova and James Avent Hallock; and two great grandchildren.

Visitation is tonight, September 11, at O'Bryant - O'Keefe Funeral Home from 6-9 p.m.

Funeral service will be Saturday, September 12, at 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel with Dr. Adrian Pater and the Rev. J. T. Hannaford officiating.

Interment will be in Griffin Cemetery, Moss Point.

Those choosing to do so may make memorial contributions to the Salvation Army or the Building Fund of the First Baptist Church, Moss Point, where Mrs. Avent was a member.

Arrangements by O'Bryant - O'Keefe Funeral Home, Pascagoula.

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